21 Cornhill, Boston,
January 10. 1860.

Dear Webb,

Although I have been writing an hour and a half by gas-light, and 'tis 6½ p.m., and I not very smart, I will not let tomorrow's steamer depart without a few lines to you. And first, to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Dec. 16th, enclosing a Bank of Ireland Draft on London for £82.12.8. This draft I sold very favorably (at 10% exchange) obtaining for it $403.98 From this I deducted the $75. (my loan to Richard) and $7.20, the amt. of your and Jas. Haughton's donations to the Fund in aid of John Brown's family, and the sum of $321.78 is left as a Donation to the funds of the "Subscription-Anniversary."

Yesterday I made up & forwarded to you a small parcel of Anti-Slavery books, to go by a sailing ship of Thayer & Warren (I omitted to ascertain her name) which should arrive in Liverpool the first week in February, or thereabout. The parcel was to care of S. R. Gra

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and contained the "Peter Stuyl", & Mrs. Dall's work as Woman, which you wrote for; also, 4 copies of Redpath's Life of John Brown, just from the press, and having a great sale and demand here — which we send to some of your friends abroad, one copy for yourself, which please to accept. There are also one or two smaller matters, — with some pamphlets for your use, which I thought might be acceptable. — I shall not be able, I fear, to get you the copy of Gerrit Smith's Sermon which you desired. I will however look about, & get it if I can.

I recently wrote to you, by Mrs. Chapman's desire, asking you to pay a certain sum (£40.16.0 I think), on account of Amer. A.S. Society to Mrs. Harriet Martineau; she, W.W.C. thinking you could use for that purpose a portion of the funds which you would otherwise be transmitting about this time, probably, to America. But it was not soon enough, and you have probably cleared off most of the A.S. monies in your hands; and if so, I hope we shall

soon hear, that we may make other provision for the payment. But if, without inconvenience, you are able to make this payment to her, we shall be greatly obliged and will replace it at once, on hearing from you ~~the exact amount~~ that you have done so.

You kindly think and ask for my "oriental boy". We had a pleasant letter from him 8 days since. He had just arrived in Hong Kong; but business-prospects were very dull, and the probability is he is now on his way home. He was in excellent health. We long to see him again.

The John Brown "raid", as the foolish Republicans call it, is taking up this Nation by the four corners, and shaking it to its very centre. The agitation is tremendous, but healthy. It is developing the diabolism of Slavery as it never appeared before, — or, at least, as it was never seen before by any but the handful of abolitionists. John Brown knew a great deal, but he has worked and "builded better than he knew". All honor to his Example. 'Tis a glorious one, and wonderful to have happened in this land, so dead in its trespasses and sins — its conscience

So seared by its long persistence in cruelty and fraud - so drunk with the intoxicating wine of slavery. This death is proving a mighty teacher of what Slavery is, and of what the human soul can bear and do.

If you have got nothing yet from my Cousin S. J. M. about the American Friends, I am sorry. I fear you have not, for he is exceedingly busy, I hear. - My Daughter Adelaide is now in Syracuse, on a visit to Mr. M.'s daughter. Richard, I am sure, will feel a kindly interest to hear about any of us. My best regards to him. And I hope your Adelaide is in better health.

- You have several times spoken as if Garrison's visit to England were fully determined upon. We did all in our power to start him off; but he could'n't make up his mind to go. Perhaps another season will waft him over to you; but I doubt it.

A note from Mary Estlin informs me that our Leeds friends had invited Fr. Douglass to speak to them. I was sorry to hear it; - Armistead's doings, I suppose. -

With sincere & affectionate regard - S. May Jr

I do not understand from your note in which I am to deduct from your Contribution on our Account - as I have not yet received it to you. Did you mean that?

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